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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002, which set a shortened three-month period for response extending to and including January 8, 2003. The undersigned requests entry of these amendments and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the following comments.

Prior to further examination the undersigned requests that the following claims be amended to read as follows.